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## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

The FIFTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING will take place on Wednesday, June 8th, at TOYNBEE HALL, COMMERCIAL STREET, E., by permission of the Warden, T. Edmund Harvey, Esq., M.P., and the under-given arrangements have been made. It should not be necessary to insist on the importance of this event, for that should be apparent to all our Members, but it is urged that as many as possible will endeavour to be present and to support the Council in the various efforts which have been made to render the proceedings interesting.

Permission has been obtained from the Right Hon. William Ellison-Macartney, Deputy Master, for a visit to the ROYAL MINT, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon; those intending to be present should assemble precisely at that hour, and no one will be admitted after 4 p.m. Orders to view are very definite in their requirements, and visitors will be received in parties of six persons, each with a special order, on which will be recorded the name of one person in every separate party. The orders are now in the hands of the Hon. Secretary, and will be issued as required at the time of the visit. It is particularly requested that Members will present themselves punctually at 3 o'clock. The WHITECHAPEL ART GALLERY, situated in the High Street, Whitechapel, within a stone's throw of Toynbee Hall, will be open, where a very interesting and instructive exhibition of pictures and sculpture is arranged, illustrating twenty years of British Art—from 1890 to 1910. The Exhibition has been pronounced admirable in every way and well repays study; nearly 600 works of art are included.

At 5.30 Members will be received at Toynbee Hall for the evening session, when the following programme will be carried out:—

6.0 p.m. Inspection of Toynbee Hall. Counting of Ballot for Council.

6.30 p.m. **Evening Session.** The Chair will be occupied by the REV. CANON S. A. BARNETT, M.A., PRESIDENT OF TOYNBEE HALL.

8.0 p.m. **Annual Business Meeting.** Agenda:

Minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Meeting.

Adoption of the Annual Report.

The Honorary Secretary will move on behalf of the retiring Council that Rule 5 be amended to include a "Vice-President, who shall be a provincial member." The Rule to read thus:—"The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President (who shall be a provincial member), Treasurer, Secretary, etc.

Election of Officers and Council for the ensuing year.

## MIDLAND BRANCH.

### Preliminary Notice of Summer Meeting.

The summer meeting of the Midland Branch will be held at Stratford-upon-Avon towards the end of June. An attractive programme, which will include free visits to the principal places of interest, and a trip on the river, is being arranged.

The friends of Members, and assistants from other Districts, are cordially invited.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary of the Branch, Mr. W. Ewart Owen, Public Library, Coventry.

## NORTH-EASTERN BRANCH.

The Inaugural Meeting of Session 1910-11 will be held (by kind permission of H. E. Johnston, Esq., Chief Librarian), at the PUBLIC LIBRARY, GATESHEAD, on **Wednesday, June 29th, 1910.** Programme:—

7.0 p.m. Meeting of Committee.

7.30 p.m. **General Meeting:—**

Member's Paper: "Robert Louis Stevenson," by Mr. W. WILSON, Gateshead.

Associate's Paper: "The Female Assistant, from Her Own Standpoint," by Miss M. L. COATSWORTH, Monkswearmouth Branch Library, Sunderland.

## PROCEEDINGS.

### MIDLAND BRANCH.

The second meeting of the Branch was held on April 28th, at Handsworth Public Library, by kind permission of the Librarian, Mr. A. G. Burt. The following Members were present:—Messrs. H. W. Checketts (Birmingham University), H. Dixon (Erdington), W. Dunsby (Birmingham), P. Freer (Birmingham University), H. Grindle (Birmingham), M. C. Hunt (Birmingham), F. C. Morgan (Stratford-on-Avon), T. J. Newell (Aston), R. H. Newey (Handsworth), W. E. Owen (Coventry), F. J. Patrick (Birmingham), and E. A. Peppiette (Birmingham University).

Mr. R. H. NEWEY, Sub-Librarian at Handsworth, read a paper on "Scholasticism and Classification," in which he demonstrated how Bacon's system brought about the decay of Scholasticism, and then contrasted it with more recent systems.

Mr. THOMAS J. NEWELL, Sub-Librarian at Aston, read a paper on "In defence of the Public," in which he pleaded for greater sympathy with "the man in the street," and for a better understanding of his needs. He deprecated the practice of leaving the counter service to the tender mercies of the junior, in order that the seniors may gain experience in cataloguing, classification, or some other branch of work. Both papers were subjected to discussion. An arranged visit to Messrs. Turner and Headley's brickyard was cancelled on account of the inclement weather.

### REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE LIBRARY ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION ON THE INAUGURAL MEETING.

GENTLEMEN,

I was privileged to visit Birmingham and Coventry on Thursday, February 10th, in order to attend the Inaugural Meeting of your Midland Branch, and to learn what I could in so brief a time of the conditions prevailing in the district.

The result of my visit leaves me quite optimistic. The gathering on February 10th, which was held at the Birmingham Central Library, by the courtesy of Mr. A. Capel Shaw, was a small one; but it was attended

by members from eleven library districts, and as most of those in attendance were seniors, it may be argued that when the juniors come in—and I am convinced that they will follow the excellent example of their seniors—our present nucleus of twenty-three members will expand considerably. At the afternoon meeting, Mr. H. W. Checketts read a well-written paper on "The Library in Utopia," which was discussed with an interest and, by one or two members, with a facility which augurs well for future discussions. After an adjournment for tea, the meeting was resumed, and Officers and Committee were elected as follows:—Chairman: H. W. Checketts (Sub-Librarian, Birmingham University); Honorary Treasurer: H. Grindle (Deritend Library, Birmingham); and Honorary Secretary: W. Ewart Owen (Sub-Librarian, Coventry); Committee: Messrs. Morgan (Stratford-on-Avon), Newell (Aston Manor), Newey (Handsworth) and Rathbone (Northampton). Some of these gentlemen are already well known to you, but I am convinced that all are able librarians, and that the future of the Branch is safe in their hands. After the election I delivered a brief address which was listened to with great kindness. At the conclusion of the general meeting the Committee met and determined to conduct the business of the Branch on the lines usual throughout the Association.

There are difficulties to be faced by the Branch. The first is an inaccurate impression which seems to be abroad that this Association is antagonistic to, and will be subversive of, the interests of the Birmingham and District Library Association; this impression has caused at least one prominent library assistant to stand aside from a movement which his high abilities and important position specially qualify him to further. Similar rumours attended the formation of other of your Branches which experience has since completely falsified. I believe that without drawing one member from the older body the Branch will stimulate and train younger men to fill its ranks later; and, seeing that junior assistants rarely join in its discussions now, our existence cannot harm it much. Moreover the paralysing effect of the presence of the Chief Librarian upon the younger librarian is absent from our discussions, and men now inarticulate will be trained in an important manner. Another false impression is that the Association is merely a body of juniors appealing to juniors; and that men over thirty have no interests to be advanced by the Association—and many librarians in the Birmingham area come into this category. Time will prove the falsity of this rumour too. These difficulties are of the imaginary order, but are still difficulties. The actual difficulties are the wide geographical distribution of the libraries, and the expense involved to the average member in travelling. One member, for example, came from Rugby, and another from Northampton. By careful arrangement of meeting places I hope these difficulties may be minimised. It speaks volumes for the enthusiasm of our new colleagues that they are willing to face them. I repeat that the outlook is distinctly hopeful. With the excellent officers, and committee, and the abundant enthusiasm these display, the work must flourish.

The Association is indebted to Mr. W. Ewart Owen, formerly our Yorkshire Branch Treasurer, for the enthusiasm and effort which has materialised in the Branch. It is good to know that an experienced and thoroughly capable officer is so active in its affairs. I wish to express my sense of the courtesy of Mr. A. Capel Shaw in placing accommodation at our disposal, and expressing sympathy with our aim; and to Mr. Walter Powell, whose kindness was worthy of his library and himself. I may add that the sense of good fellowship which marked my meeting with all the Midland assistants who gathered at Birmingham is another assurance of the fact that librarianship is a real and natural brotherhood.

I am, Gentlemen, Your obedient servant,  
W. C. BERWICK SAYERS.

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## ADVENTURES IN BOOKLAND.\*

What land is more delightful than bookland? Whether one thinks of it as the land that one reaches on opening a book and becoming lost in its pages, or as the land in which are stored books for the use of the multitude—the library. To wander for thirty-three years in such a land must, indeed, bring adventures; and it is with both sorts of bookland that the sub-librarian of Edinburgh University Library deals in this pleasant book of reminiscences and anecdotes. He himself is a producer of books, having published two volumes of verses—Mr. Cuthbertson modestly disclaims the title of poet—some volumes of essays and sermons, and a considerable number of stories and short stories, and has had experiences with publishers which are the lot of many who write books. As the adventures of a library assistant, the volume is particularly interesting to library assistants. But the author must have lost touch with the public library world of to-day to make remarks of the library assistant such as are to be found in the chapter dealing with the assistant's recreations.

There are certainly assistants who are inclined "to saunter through life without using their brains"; but with public libraries exerting themselves to assert a powerful influence for good in the community, such assistants do not remain long. Public library life is too strenuous to retain them. It is true that some assistants are not as well educated as they might be; but libraries are still struggling under the incubus of incomes limited to the penny rate, that does not encourage a high standard of learning. In other remarks concerning public libraries there is a similar suggestion of generalisation from libraries of days that are passed or passing. Fiction percentages of eighty are becoming more and more uncommon, and probably the lowest percentages are to be found in libraries with open access, a system which Mr. Cuthbertson condemns. Not that the reading of fiction is so bad as would seem from the author's illustration of the man who read twelve volumes a week regularly and ended up in an asylum; the fiction that has a place in literature, may be more educative than many works intended to be more serious.

Where the author is biographical however, and relates his experiences with the ever interesting borrower, and in other ways he is in his best vein. Some printers errors may be noticed, such as "had spoke," and Burnet for Brunet, and there is a delightful bit of unconscious humour in

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\*Cuthbertson, David. "Thirty-three years' Adventures in Bookland: including Walks in the Humorous Avenues of Library Life." Elliot Stock. Four Shillings and Sixpence Net.

the sentence which says, "Over and over again have I been asked if I can recommend books with such puzzles on their faces." Such mistakes are few, however, and the work will well repay an hour's leisure. E.

### NOTABLE PROFESSIONAL LITERATURE.

**BROOKLYN, U.S. PUBLIC LIBRARY: A Reading and Reference List on Costume.** 8½ by 6in. 64pp. 1909.

An annotated reading list, limited to works in the Brooklyn Public Library, arranged alphabetically under the countries treated, and preceded by an 8 pp. bibliography. A few unindexed periodicals especially useful in the study of costume have been listed, but in general references to periodicals have been excluded, as these are available through "Poole's Index to Periodical Literature," the "Annual Library Index," etc. The work is a valuable addition to the subject, and should be on the shelves of every reference library.

**BROOKLYN, U.S. PUBLIC LIBRARY: Samuel Johnson, 1709-84.** 18pp. Alfred Tennyson, 1809-92. 19pp. Oliver Wendell Holmes, 1809-94. 16pp. 6½ by 4½in. 1909.

Three lists referring mainly to American books and periodicals. The titles in each case are grouped under the headings Bibliographies, Works, and Biographies and Criticisms. The addition of brief annotations would, we think, have rendered these useful little pamphlets much more interesting and attractive to the general reader.

**CAMBERWELL: PASSMORE EDWARDS NUNHEAD LIBRARY: Catalogue of Books added to the Library, 1896-1909, and Lists of the Fiction and Music in the Library.** Ed. by W. J. Vellenoweth. 8½ by 5½in. 107pp. 1909. Threepence.

An excellently compiled annotated dictionary-catalogue, supplementary to the General Catalogue issued in 1896. The number of annotations might have been increased with advantage, more particularly in the case of books dealing with the useful arts, the majority of which have no indication of the ground covered or the standard of knowledge required for their study. The entries for Fiction and Juvenile Literature are at the end of the volume, and are not incorporated in the general alphabet.

**ILFORD: CARNEGIE PUBLIC LIBRARY, SEVEN KINGS: Catalogue of Books in the Lending and Reference Departments.** Compiled by J. Radcliffe. 8½ by 5½in. 18 by 482pp. 1909. One shilling.

A dictionary catalogue, divided into two sections: Lending and Reference. Bibliographical details and Bibliographies are recorded. There are a few brief annotations added, apparently at random, but there is no systematic attempt to explain ambiguous titles. The general utility of the catalogue would have been much enhanced by the addition of a few necessary notes, and the inclusion of more analytical entries. Space for these could have been found by omitting some of the annotations and contents notes now included. On the whole, however, the catalogue has been accurately and carefully compiled.

All the works are available in the L.A.A. Library (Librarian: Mr. A. H. Carter, St. Martin's Public Library, W.C.); the only condition is that members shall pay postage. Members should see that all publications of their own libraries are sent to the library. J. W.

### DEATH OF SIR EDMUND VERNEY.

By the death of Sir Edmund Verney, of Claydon House, Bucks., on the 8th May, the library movement loses a most enthusiastic supporter, who has done much to solve the village library problem in his own district, and has set an example to others which is not likely to be bettered until new legislation makes the provision of village libraries a matter of practical politics.

Sir Edmund Hope Verney was born in 1838, and entered the Royal Navy in 1851, where he rose to the rank of Captain, serving with distinction in the Crimea, Indian Mutiny, etc. He was present at the relief of Lucknow, was several times mentioned in dispatches, and held the Crimean, Turkish, and Indian medals. Sir Edmund took a keen interest in politics, and represented North Bucks. in Parliament from 1885-86 and again from 1889-91; he was also a member of the first London County Council.

But it is his interest in the library movement that will best cause him to be remembered by library assistants; in fact, no student of the village library problem can afford to ignore his work in the three Claydons. The example he there set to rural landlords might be followed with advantage in many other districts.

He contributed an article on "Village Libraries in Bucks.," to the "Library Assistant," for April, 1901, which was illustrated with photographs of the East Claydon Library. Those who had the privilege of meeting him will know something of the difficulty he had to overcome before he could get sufficient support for the libraries, and will remember with what zest he would relate how he had won over some obdurate farmer to the value of village libraries. This was necessary, for Sir Edmund always insisted upon the parish Council adopting the Libraries' Act and levying a rate before he would assist in any way. His method of supplementing the meagre proceeds of the penny rate was a fine lesson in self-help, and the Claydon villagers owe a lasting debt of gratitude to him who made possible the establishment of what, without the least exaggeration, may be called model village libraries. It was with evident and justifiable pride that Sir Edmund pioneered a party of assistants round these libraries, upon the occasion of the visit of the L.A.A., in 1906. This tour was fully reported in "The Library Assistant," for August, of that year, and many readers of this notice will remember the more than kindly way in which our members were received by Sir Edmund and Lady Verney.

This was not the only occasion upon which he showed his interest in the L.A.A. He was one of the first to apply for membership on the formation of the Association, and the newly appointed Committee, not wishing to infringe the Rules, were doubtful about electing him. Sir Edmund, however, substantiated his claim by proving to the satisfaction of the Committee that he assisted in the management of the Claydon Libraries, of one of which his daughter was librarian, and was therefore a library assistant, and as such, fully qualified for membership. In March, 1901, he read an interesting paper at a monthly meeting of the Association on "Old Bibles," descriptive of the fine collection at Claydon House, which was so much admired by our members in 1906. To Lady Verney and her family the Council have forwarded an expression of its sympathy in their bereavement.

W. G. C.

### APPOINTMENT.

\*SEWARD, FRANK, Chief Assistant in the Bromley, Kent, Public Library, has been appointed Librarian of the Oswestry Public Library.

\*Member, L.A.A.

### NEW MEMBERS.

#### MIDLAND BRANCH.

W. Dunsby, and F. J. Patrick, of Birmingham.

#### SOUTH WALES BRANCH.

Gertrude Dutton, and Dennis C. Jones, of Cardiff.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## LIBRARIES AND EDUCATION.

To the Editor of "The Library Assistant."

Dear Sir,

As one who was present at the reading of Mr. Mansbridge's paper on "Educational Effort, with special reference to the Public Library," may I be permitted to say that one point specially struck me, and it was this—that whilst in England the libraries are supposed to do much, and are often required to do much for the educational authorities, even to providing books for school libraries, the educational authorities seem to have done very little for the public library. I mentioned at the Meeting what had come under my personal observation in South Africa and Australia with regard to the co-ordination of the work of the library and the university and school. I would like further to illustrate how important it is that we should follow as closely as possible library progress, not only in the United States, but in our British Colonies as well, by calling attention to what is being done in Canada. In the last report of the Ontario Department of Education, there is a section dealing with the libraries of Ontario, from which it appears that there are loaned by the Education Department the following collection of books:—(a) Technological books for the use of artisans and mechanics; (b) Books for children; (c) Books for young men and women; (d) Books upon Canadian history. The above are lent to public libraries. The following collections are sent to Library Committees:—(e) Books on Library Construction; (f); Administration; (g) Cataloguing and classification; and in addition special collections of books for reading courses are lent to individuals.

In Ontario alone 116 libraries availed themselves of this privilege. Nor is Ontario an isolated instance of this close connection between the Department of Education and the Public Libraries. In almost every British Colony there is the closest connection between the two, and in this respect as in some others, Colonial Libraries are much in advance of the English practice. It is my opinion that in future, librarians should not aim so much at a complete centralisation of libraries in this country, but at what I may call County centralisation. In England it is obvious that the great population precludes any workable scheme of centralisation except by means of the county areas; and if ever the system of travelling libraries, so general in the British Colonies, is to be inaugurated, it must, to be successfully worked, be carried out by the central authority for each County or amalgamation of counties. Then, and not till then, will the means of education be brought to every man's door.

Yours faithfully,

Royal Colonial Institute,  
April 15th, 1910.

P. EVANS LEWIN,  
Librarian, Royal Colonial Institute.

NOTE.—Considerable correspondence has been received as a result of the Editorial in the May number of the Journal. As it is impossible, owing to want of space, to print the letters, it has been thought necessary to remind our readers that the Editor is responsible for the matter contained in the Editorials. The Editor regrets that, owing to an oversight, Hove was mentioned as among the libraries employing women assistants. He also regrets that exception has been taken to the wording of the Editorial with regard to the employment of women in libraries; and to remove any possibility of misunderstanding would point out that the statement cannot be taken to imply that women are inefficient. That the contrary is the case is proved by the Editorial in question, and by the attitude taken on former occasions. The action that was condemned was the fact of the substitution of women for men simply for cheapness.



## THE

# Library Assistants' Association

## FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Council submits its Report on the work of the Fifteenth Session.

The membership of the Association now numbers 422, being made up as follows:

	Hon. Fellows	Fel- lows	Mem- bers	Asso- ciates	Total
General Association	10	9	138	73	230
Branches	—	2	71	119	192
	10	11	209	192	422

### Sessional Programme.

The Monthly Meetings as regards the places of meeting, the papers read, and the ensuing discussions, have been particularly successful, and the attendances, taken as a whole, have been satisfactory. The innovation of a series of debates on professional topics was fully justified by results. The places of meeting included the University of London, South Kensington; the Law Society's Library; Toynbee Hall; and the Offices of the Board of Education. It is a matter for congratulation that the Association is the only outside professional body to whom the privilege of meeting in the national educational offices has been given. Thanks are due to the Authorities of the Institutions before mentioned; to the Library Committees and Librarians of Fulham, Hornsey, Stepney, Walthamstow, and West Ham; and to Dr. Miers, Sir Albert Rollit, the Rev. Canon Barnett, and Mr. A. E. Twentyman for their kindly receptions and hospitality. The Association is also indebted to those ladies and gentlemen who have contributed to the proceedings during the session. All the items on the programme were carried out with the exception of a paper by Miss Clarke on "The Modern Book considered Bibliographically," the prospective reader being prevented by illness from fulfilling her engagement. The success of the meetings was very largely due to the energy and zeal displayed by Mr. Geo. A. Stephen, the Secretary of the Education Committee.

### Branches.

This year has seen the addition of another branch. The Midland Branch was formally constituted on December 15th, and its Inaugural Meeting took place at the Central Public Library, Birmingham, on February 10th, when the President attended as the Council's delegate. In this connection the



Council records its hearty appreciation of the efforts of Mr. W. Ewart Owen, of Coventry, who was largely instrumental in bringing the Branch into being. The Liverpool and District Library Assistants' Association has had the question of affiliation under consideration, but has postponed union for a term of twelve months until certain special local needs are served. It is very desirable in the interests of the Association to remove a misconception prevalent in the Liverpool District that the Central Association benefits financially from Branches. It does not; the working expenses absorb all the Branch subsidies. The value of Branches lies in the unity of action they produce. We notice a desire on the part of the library assistants in South-West England to form a society; we assure them of sympathy and support, and anticipate another Branch of our Association in the near future. Messrs. Wyndham Morgan and T. E. Turnbull have resigned the honorary secretariate of the South Wales and North-Eastern Branches respectively; the Council tenders its most hearty thanks to both these gentlemen for the excellent work they have accomplished during their term of office.

#### **Publications.**

A "Library Assistants' Association Series" has been initiated, and, through the kindness of the authors, the following have been published:

No. 1. Sayers (W. C. Berwick). Some Principles of Classification (out of print).

No. 2. Farr (Harry). Libraries in the Rural Districts. "The Library Assistant" has been published regularly throughout the year. Mr. H. Rutherford Purnell has capably and tactfully filled the arduous and difficult office of Editor, and Mr. G. R. Bolton of Assistant Editor, and the Council acknowledges their good services.

#### **Social Events.**

The principal social event of the year was a "Whist Drive," held on April 6th, in conjunction with the Islington Libraries' Club, to the Committee of which the Council is much indebted for hospitality.

#### **Council and Officers.**

We regret that three members of the Council, viz., Messrs. Hopwood, Peters, and Sureties, have been much handicapped in their work by illness. We also record, with regret, the resignation from the Council of Mr. J. G. Faraday, who has for many years been associated with its work. It is proposed to create a new office in the Association, namely, that

of a Vice-President, to be held by a provincial member. Should such an office be created, it is hoped that it will stimulate interest in the Association among our provincial colleagues. The Council would again express its indebtedness to Messrs. Chambers and Carter, who, in their respective positions of Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Librarian, have for so many years faithfully performed their exacting duties. Owing to more immediate calls upon his time, Mr. Stephen resigned the secretariate of the Education Committee, which he held with much credit during the greater part of the year. The Council congratulates itself on securing an experienced successor in the Ex-President, Mr. W. Benson Thorne.

### **Finance.**

It is satisfactory to be able to report that the deficit shown last year has been removed, and that the Balance Sheet, Appendix III., shows a small balance in hand. Nevertheless, there is much useful work the Association might perform which is rendered impossible at the present time owing to lack of funds; and until assistants join in much larger numbers the work of the Association cannot be greatly extended.

### **Policy.**

The Council will pass on to its successors in office a consideration of the betterment of the conditions of library service, and it is hoped that in the near future information may be obtained as to the salaries, hours of work, and training which libraries afford their staffs, so that an endeavour may be made to secure greater uniformity in these matters throughout the kingdom. It is not the policy of the Association to attempt to dictate to local authorities, but to supply information that will be serviceable to all concerned in the work of the librarian. Assistants would do well to make themselves more proficient in their general and professional education, and to aid them in this is the principal object of the Association. At the same time the Council wishes to protest against the unfair and arbitrary policy urged upon their authorities by some librarians of compelling assistant librarians to acquire certain certificates of the Library Association or to forfeit all increases in salary or even to relinquish their appointments. The application of such a policy to future appointments is logical, but to existing ones, *not made under such terms*, it is unjust, and the Council would affirm that the time is not ripe for such methods. It is necessary to protest, too, against a resolution passed by the Library Association at its last Annual Meeting that junior assistants should not be appointed unless they hold the University local or an equivalent certifi-

cate. The economic conditions of library work do not justify such a resolution.

### **Professional Examination.**

At the professional examination, held under the auspices of the Library Association in June last, 138 persons satisfied the examiners, of whom no less than 76 were members of the Library Assistants' Association. The Council thinks that a percentage of well over 50 per cent. reflects great credit upon the Association of which the successful candidates are members.

### **Potter Briscoe Prize.**

Mr. J. Potter Briscoe, Chief Librarian of Nottingham, has kindly offered to give, through the Council, a prize to the value of one guinea for the best paper read by a library assistant before any library association. The Council takes this opportunity of thanking Mr. Briscoe for his practical sympathy with the aims of the Association, and trusts that an encouraging response on the part of readers of papers will result.

### **The Assistant Librarian and Literature.**

Several contributions to professional literature have been made during the year. Of particular value to students of librarianship is the "Guide to Librarianship," edited by Mr. James Duff Brown. Besides articles which have appeared in the "Library Association Record," and the "Library World," our members are represented in "Library Economics," a collection of practical articles on everyday professional subjects, written by library assistants. Three works by members of the Association have been published during the year, two under the name of Mr. J. D. Stewart, viz., "The Sheaf Catalogue," and "How to Use a Library," and one by Mr. George A. Stephen entitled "Commercial Book-binding," a German translation of which has just appeared.

### **Promotions.**

The Council heartily congratulates the following members who have received promotion during the year: Mr. P. Evans Lewin, Librarian of the Royal Colonial Institute; Mr. S. E. Harrison, Librarian of Bingham; Mr. H. Holker, Librarian of Tyldesley; Mr. F. Seward, Librarian of Oswestry; Mr. James Ross, Librarian of the Walton Branch, Liverpool; Mr. J. G. Ayton, Librarian of the Imperial Parliament, Melbourne; Mr. Geo. R. Bolton, Sub-Librarian, Stoke Newington; and Mr. D. S. Young, Assistant Librarian, Chelsea; and a former member, Mr. P. H. Wood (originally of Southwark and Croydon), cataloguer, Auckland Public Library, New Zealand. Several

other members have been promoted during the year, to all of whom congratulations are tendered.

### **Obituary.**

The Council records with regret the deaths of Archibald Hatcher and Leonard Harris, members of great promise. The Association has lost one of its best friends by the death of Sir Edmund Verney, Bt., which occurred on Sunday, May 8th. Sir Edmund took a very keen interest in the welfare of the Association, and was a member from its inception to the time of his death.

### **Acknowledgments.**

The Council would once again tender its most sincere thanks to the Governors respectively of the Bishopsgate and the Cripplegate Institutes for their kindness in placing rooms at the service of the Council. Thanks are also due to Misses Turner and Robson, of the Islington Public Libraries, for much clerical assistance willingly rendered to the Honorary Secretary.

### **General.**

The Council views with interest and gratification the part assistant librarians are now taking in the general work of the profession. The President, Vice-President, Ex-President, the Honorary Secretary, and Messrs. Stephen and Stewart have all served on important Committees of the Library Association, the President has been appointed an instructor in Classification, and the Vice-President is an examiner. This recognition of capable men who do not happen to hold independent positions shows a growing liberal view which has not been sufficiently discernable in the past, and the Council is glad to be able to attribute this advance largely to the influence of this Association.

HENRY T. COUTTS, Honorary Secretary.  
W. C. BERWICK SAYERS, President.

### **APPENDIX I.**

#### **Officers and Council:**

##### **President**

(and President of the Council):

W. C. Berwick Sayers, Public Libraries, Croydon, 1909-1910.

##### **Past Chairmen and Presidents:**

R. A. Peddie, St. Bride Institute, 1895-1896.

A. H. Carter, Westminster, 1896-1898.

F. Meaden Roberts, Stepney, 1898-1899.

Henry Ogle, Ipswich, 1899-1900.

Evan G. Rees, Westminster, 1900-1904.

W. Geo. Chambers, Woolwich, 1904-1906.

W. Benson Thorne, Poplar, 1906-1909.

**Vice-President of the Council:**

H. V. Hopwood, Patent Office Library.

**Honorary Treasurer:**

W. Geo. Chambers, Public Library, Plumstead.

**Honorary Editor:**

H. Rutherford Purnell, Central Library, Croydon.

**Honorary Assistant Editor:**

Geo. R. Bolton, Public Library, Stoke Newington.

**Honorary Librarian:**

A. H. Carter, St. Martin's Library, Westminster.

**Honorary Secretary:**

Henry T. Coutts, North Library, Islington.

**COUNCIL.****Education Committee:**

†Miss O. E. Clarke, Central Library, Islington.

\*†H. T. Coutts, North Library, Islington. *Ex-Officio.*J. G. Faraday, Stroud Green Library, Hornsey. *Resigned March 30th.*

W. Ewart Owen, Public Library, Coventry.

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\*†W. C. Berwick Sayers, Central Library, Croydon. *Ex-Officio.*†Geo. A. Stephen, Highgate Library, St. Pancras. *Hon. Secretary.*

G. W. Strother, Central Library, Leeds.

J. Walton, Central Library, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

\*†J. D. Young, London Street Public Library, Greenwich.

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R. G. Williams, Central Library, Cardiff.

\*Member of Registration Committee.

†Member of Social Committee.

## APPENDIX II.

## ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

NAME.	COUNCIL.		COMMITTEES		TOTAL OF MEETINGS.	
	Conv'd.	Attnd'd	Conv'd.	Attnd'd	Conv'd.	Attnd'd
Bullen, R. F. ... ..	10	8	12	8	22	16
Chambers, W. G. ... ..	10	10	13	13	23	23
Clarke, Miss O. E. ... ..	10	8	14	12	24	20
Coutts, H. T. ... ..	10	9	35	30	45	41
Faraday, J. G. ... ..	7	2	8	3	15	5
Hawkins, W. G. ... ..	10	9	14	11	24	20
Hogg, J. F. ... ..	10	9	13	12	23	21
Hopwood, H. V. ... ..	8	5	10	6	18	11
Peters, H. R. W.... ..	7	7	9	9	16	16
Purnell, H. R. ... ..	10	10	12	12	22	22
Roebuck, G. E. ... ..	10	3	14	5	24	8
Sayers, W. C. B.... ..	10	9	35	30	45	41
Smith, H. ... ..	10	7	12	8	22	15
Stephen, G. A. ... ..	10	9	15	12	25	21
Stewart, J. D. ... ..	10	10	13	13	23	23
Sureties, H. G. ... ..	7	5	9	7	16	12
Thorne, W. B. ... ..	10	9	13	12	23	21
Young, J. D. ... ..	10	8	15	13	25	21

Attendances of Members of Council without a 12 miles radius of  
London are not recorded.

APPENDIX III.  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE, 1909-10.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Members' Subscriptions .....	47 15 0	Balance .....	2 1 4
Branch Subscriptions .....	17 16 9	Printing (including "The Library Assistant") ...	80 9 6
Advertisements in, and sale of "The Library Assistant" .....	47 17 5	Postages .....	23 1 7
Donation .....	0 5 0	Stationery .....	4 10 4
Sale of L.A.A. Series .....	0 12 0	Hire of Room .....	1 0 6
Miscellaneous .....	0 2 0	Clerical Assistance .....	1 0 0
		Book .....	0 3 0
		Total Expenditure .....	112 6 3
		Balance .....	2 1 11
Total receipts .....	114 8 2		£114 8 2

Audited by us and found correct, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 1910.

C. A. HARRIS, } Auditors.  
WM. H. SHAWCROSS, }

W. GEO. CHAMBERS,  
Hon. Treasurer.

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1910.



# APPENDIX IV. PROGRAMME OF SESSION, 1909-1910.

- Oct. 13. Inaugural meeting at the University of London, South Kensington, S.W. Chairman: Sir Albert K. Rolit, LL.D., etc.  
Address: "The Golden Age of Readers," by Henry A. Miers, M.A., D.Sc. (Principal of the University of London).
- Nov. 10. At Stepney Central Reference Library.  
Address: "Activities in Bibliography," by R. A. Peddie (St. Bride Institute).
- Dec. 9. At Hornsey Central Public Library.  
Debates: "Do Lectures forward Library Work?" *pro.* H. T. Coutts (Islington), *con.* H. G. Sureties (Hornsey); "Do Exhibitions develop the Reading Habit?" *pro.* Florence R. Goring (Hackney), *con.* Rosine L. Duménil (Hackney); "Are Readings and Reading Circles desirable?" *pro.* W. B. Thorne (Poplar), *con.* J. F. Hogg (Battersea); "Is the Story-Hour within the Librarian's Province?" *pro.* W. C. Berwick Sayers (Croydon), *con.* J. D. Stewart (Islington); "Should Libraries Advertise?" *pro.* W. C. Berwick Sayers, *con.* J. D. Young (Greenwich).

## Lent and Summer Term.

- Jan. 12. At the Law Society's Library, Chancery Lane, W.C.  
Chairman: W. H. Winterbotham, M.A. (President of the Law Society).  
Papers: "The Rating of Public Libraries," by H. Jason Saunders (Clerk of the Council, Twickenham); "Two Government Inquiries into Public Libraries," by J. D. Stewart (Islington).
- Feb. 9. At West Ham Central Public Library.  
Paper: "The Junior Assistant and the Library Association Certificates," by C. F. Tessier (Hornsey).  
Debate: "Are Printed Catalogues desirable for Open-Access Libraries?" *pro.* J. D. Young (Greenwich), *con.* W. C. Berwick Sayers (Croydon).
- Mar. 10. At Fulham Central Public Library.  
Papers: "The Initial Stock of a Public Library," by T. E. Turnbull (Newcastle-on-Tyne); "Publishers: their Stocks and Catalogues," by Arnold G. Burt (Handsworth).
- Apr. 13. At the Offices of the Board of Education, Whitehall.  
Chairman: A. E. Twentyman (Librarian to the Board).  
Address: "The Co-ordination of Educational Effort, with special reference to the Public Library," by Albert Mansbridge (Secretary, Workers' Educational Association).
- May 25. At the Walthamstow Central Public Library.  
Papers: "A Triple Alliance: The Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery," by Henry D. Roberts (Chief Librarian and Director, Brighton); "A Great Public Work, Public Libraries and Parish Registers," by Herbert Henderson (Walthamstow).
- June 8. Fifteenth Annual Meeting, at Toynbee Hall, Whitechapel, E.  
Chairman: Rev. Canon S. A. Barnett, M.A. (President of Toynbee Hall).  
Annual Business Meeting.

## EXCURSIONS AND RECREATIONS.

- Apr. 6. Social Evening, Islington Central Library.  
 May 25. Excursion to Epping Forest and District, under the direction of Geo. E. Roebuck (Chief Librarian, Walthamstow).  
 June 8. Visit to the Royal Mint, by permission of the Warden, T. Edmund Harvey, Esq., M.P.

## IRISH BRANCH MEETINGS.

1909.

- Nov. 10. At the Central Library, Belfast. Address by T. M. Coulson (Belfast).  
 Dec. 8. Papers: 1, "History of Cataloguing, and Codes of Rules," by J. Fagan.  
 2, "Aids to Readers," by J. Scilley.

1910.

- Jan. 12. Papers: 1, "The Card Catalogue, by A. H. Moore.  
 2, "Museums and Art Galleries," by Wm. Moore.  
 Feb. 9. Paper: "Forms of Catalogues," by D. Simpson.  
 Debate: "Open-Access." Pro.: A. E. Atkinson; Con.: W. Rowan.  
 Mar. 9. Papers: 1, "Special Collections," by J. Wilson.  
 2, "Hamlet," by T. Coulson.  
 Apr. 13. Debate: "Dictionary v. Classified Catalogues." Opened by R. J. Gourley.  
 Paper: "Charging Methods," by J. McConkey.  
 May 10. Papers: 1, "Annotation," by J. Wilson.  
 2, "Branch Library Work," by T. Coulson.  
 June 14. Annual Report, Election of Officers, etc.

## MIDLAND BRANCH MEETINGS.

1910.

- Feb. 10. Inaugural Meeting at Birmingham Central Public Library.  
 Address: "The Assistant Librarian: Present and Future," by W. C. Berwick Sayers (President of the Association).  
 Paper: "The Library in Utopia," by H. W. Checketts (Birmingham University).  
 Apr. 28. At the Public Library, Handsworth.  
 Papers: 1, "Scholasticism and Classification," by R. H. Newey (Handsworth). 2, "In defence of the Public," by T. J. Newell (Aston Manor).

## NORTH-EASTERN BRANCH MEETINGS.

1909.

- June 30. At the Public Library, South Shields.  
 Address: "The Training, Employment, and Compensation of the American Library Assistant," by Prof. A. Keogh, M.A. (Reference Librarian, Yale University, U.S.A.).  
 Inaugural address by the Chairman (Mr. J. Walton).  
 Sept. 22. At the Carnegie Library, Benwell, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.  
 Visit to Mr. J. E. Wilson's Binding Establishment.  
 Papers: 1, "Libraries and Education," by R. M. Daniel (South Shields). 2, "Relationship of the Branch Library to the Central Library," by E. M. Scott (Lady Stephenson Library, Newcastle).  
 Dec. 15. At the Public Library, Tynemouth.  
 Papers: 1, "Prints in Public Libraries," by R. H. U. Potts (Tynemouth). 2, "Library Exhibitions," by W. W. Howe (Sunderland).

1910.

Mar. 16. At the Public Library, Sunderland.

- Papers: 1, "Brown versus Dewey: a comparison of the Subject and Decimal Classification Schemes," by R. Wright (Sunderland).  
 2, "The Outlook of the Library Assistant," by R. W. Henderson (South Shields).

### SOUTH WALES BRANCH MEETINGS.

1909.

Oct. 13. Inaugural Meeting at the Central Library, Cardiff.

Address by the Vice-President, Harry Farr, City Librarian, Cardiff.

Nov. 10. At the Cathays Branch Library.

- Papers: 1, "The Making of Catalogues," by W. O. Padfield.  
 2, "The Work of the Lending Department," by F. W. Small-dridge.

Dec. 8. At the Central Library, Cardiff.

- Papers: 1, "Library Extension Works," by Miss F. Newton.  
 2, "What the Public Wants: Some Notes on the Fiction Question," by Miss E. O. Davies.

1910.

Feb. 2. At the Central Library, Cardiff.

- Discussions: 1, "Should the L.A.A. have a more Definite Policy in regard to the Betterment of Wages and Conditions of Assistants?" Pro.: Charles Sexton; Con.: E. J. Rees.  
 2, "The Apprentice and Probation Systems in Public Libraries: are they desirable?" Pro.: Herbert Boughton; Con.: J. W. Butterworth.

Mar. 16. Visit to the Printing Works of the "South Wales Daily News."

Apr. 13. Second Annual Business Meeting.

Paper: "The Present Position and Future Prospects of the South Wales Branch," by Seth Conroy.

### YORKSHIRE BRANCH MEETINGS.

1909.

July 8. At the Public Library, Harrogate.

- Papers: 1, "Technical Training: a comparison between English and American Methods," by E. Hunter (Hull). 2, "The Value and Utility of a Local Collection," by J. A. Symington (Leeds).

Oct. 21. At Bradford.

- Papers: 1, "The Vice of Consistency," by A. J. Hawkes (Leeds).  
 2, "Information Bureaus," by S. M. Bryant (Leeds).

Nov. 25. At Leeds.

Paper: "Book Illustration," by J. B. Ellison (Leeds). Exhibition of Illustrations lent by the principal Publishers and Engravers.

1910.

Jan. 20. Third Annual Meeting. At the Leeds Institute. Presidential Address by G. W. Strother.

Mar. 25. At the Public Library, Leeds.

- Debate: "Is the Censorship justifiable?" Pro.: N. Treliving (Leeds); Con.: A. J. Hawkes (Leeds).

Paper: "The American Training Schools," by J. B. Ellison (Leeds).

June 2. At the Public Library, York.

- Paper: "The Library and the Child," by R. Ineson (Leeds).  
 Debate: "Has Fiction any Educational Value?" Pro.: W. Procter (Leeds); Con.: A. H. Gillgrass (Hull).

## APPENDIX V.

## LIST OF MEMBERS.

## HONORARY FELLOWS.

Samuel J. Clarke, Public Library, Penge.  
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 Henry Ogle, Public Library, Ipswich.  
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 F. Meaden Roberts, Public Library, Whitechapel.  
 H. D. Roberts, Public Library, Brighton.  
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 H. Tapley Soper, F.R.Hist.S., Public Library, Exeter.  
 Charles Welch, F.S.A., 437, Seven Sisters Road, N.

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Baker, A. E., Public Library, Taunton.  
 Coltman, W. L., Public Library, Southall-Norwood.  
 Corlett, S. G., Public Library, Newton-in-Makerfield.  
 Lewin, P. Evans, Royal Colonial Institute.  
 Niven, D., Public Library, Bulawayo, Rhodesia.  
 Ormerod, J., Public Library, Gainsborough.  
 Peplow, W. A., Public Library, Wood Green, N.  
 Vellenoweth, W. J., Public Library, Nunhead, S.E.  
 Young, W. B., Public Library, Erith.

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 Annis, R., Patent Office.  
 Ayton, J. G., Melbourne.  
 Bain, R., Glasgow.  
 Ballen, Miss D., London School  
 of Economics.  
 Barlow, H., Royal College of  
 Physicians.  
 Barr, J., Glasgow.  
 Bishop, E., Enfield.  
 Blackmore, C., Stoke Newington.  
 Blakey, A. A., Bermondsey.  
 Bolton, G. R., Stoke Newington.  
 Bonner, F. H., Croydon.  
 Bradley, C. A., Glasgow.  
 Bridge, W. R., Battersea.  
 Broadhurst, H. P., Stockport.  
 Brooks, E. R., Patent Office.  
 Bullen, R. F., Poplar.  
 Bursill, P. C., Woolwich.  
 Bushnell, F. C., Fulham.  
 Camplin, P. W., Heston-Isle-  
 worth.  
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 Carlton, L. C. J., Port Eliza-  
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 Ross, J., Liverpool.  
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 Seward, F., Bromley, Kent.  
 Shaw, J. H., Bury.  
 Shawcross, W. H., Woolwich.  
 Stephen, G. A., St. Pancras.  
 Stevenson, H., Bournemouth.  
 Stewart, J. D., Islington.  
 Stone, O. W., East Ham.  
 Sumner, B. E., Hampstead.  
 Sunley, W. H., Leyton.  
 Sureties, H. G., Hornsey.  
 Sutton, O. J., Manchester (John Rylands).  
 Swift, R. E., Ealing.  
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